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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

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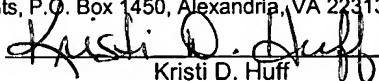
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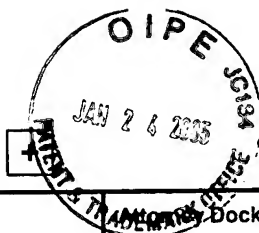
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